

House Resolution 1052

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Henson of the 87th, Watson of the 91st, and Benfield of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the City of Clarkston on its 125th birthday; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston was officially chartered by Governor Alexander H.
3 Stevens on December 12, 1882; and

4 WHEREAS, Clarkston was named in honor of Colonel W. W. Clark, a Covington lawyer and
5 a director of the Georgia Railroad; and

6 WHEREAS, in the 1830's the Georgia Railroad built a rail line through Clarkston to connect
7 the merchants in Atlanta and Athens with outlets in Augusta and South Carolina. Because
8 the railroad made Atlanta so accessible for commuting, Clarkston became one of the South's
9 first "suburban" communities; and

10 WHEREAS, in the early 1900's "Goatsville" and "Angora Heights" were names bestowed
11 on Clarkston. At that time it was prestigious to own many goats, and many Clarkstonians
12 were proud to own 15 to 20 of these prized creatures. Even today, Clarkston High School
13 pays homage to this history by having the Angora Goat as their school mascot; and

14 WHEREAS, Clarkston is centrally located in DeKalb County and encompasses
15 approximately 1.1 square miles. The residents of Clarkston enjoy the small town feel and
16 have never attempted to expand the boundaries of the city.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body honor the City of Clarkston on its 125th birthday and send their
19 best wishes for many more successful years as a small town in the big city.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the mayor and city council
22 of the City of Clarkston.